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For : OPTICAL FIBER COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM USING
INDEX-GUIDING MICROSTRUCTURED OPTICAL FIBERS

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Sir:

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Pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, filed concurrently herewith, and that such art be made of record in said application.

This application is a divisional of application no. 09/781,344, filed February 12, 2001, which is an Continuation-in-Part application of Serial No. 591,474, filed June 9, 2000. The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have been previously disclosed to or cited by the Patent Office in these prior applications. The subject application relies upon said prior applications for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the references are not being supplied herewith. Please note U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/781,353 cited in the prior application Serial No. 09/781,344, has now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,512,871.

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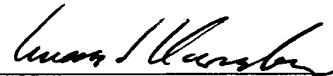
hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of the particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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